

SEND MESSAGE TO RUSSIAN PEOPLE

American Labor Bodies Cable Pledge of Fixed Purpose to Defeat Autocracy.

New York, March 2.—American labor has sent to the Russian people a message of cheer and pledge of high resolve and a fixed purpose to defeat autocracy, it was announced here yesterday.

A cablegram containing this declaration was cabled by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, on behalf of the American Alliance for Labor and Democracy, of which Mr. Gompers is also president. The executive council of the organization authorized the message after voting by telegraph. The message reads:

"Prussian militarism and brutality menace free Russia now as never before. Just as it would despoil all free countries, so now the German military machine is sweeping on despoiling vast sweeps of Russian territory. The clear object of Germany is the destruction of Russian freedom and the annexation of a great area of Russian territory."

Must Sweep Tyrants Back.

"German autocracy is the great, unscrupulous enemy of all free people. Democracy cannot live anywhere unless this autocracy is crushed. Democracy everywhere must sweep back the German tyrants in defeat."

"The American people understand the German plan. They have pledged everything they possess to defeat it for freedom's sake. With all other free people they have been and will be united in the common struggle for freedom and its boundless opportunities. Hold the line. Rise in all your might and strike for your homes, your lives, your liberties. The democracies of the world, determined to maintain freedom, cannot be beaten if they stand firmly together."

Hands Across World.
"We, the working people of America, call across the world to you to pledge again our whole strength in the common struggle for humanity. Stand with us to the end for the right of all peoples to be free. Stand with us to win this war against enslaving and."

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debasing autocracy. We send you cheer and our pledge of high resolve and fixed purpose. Let the free peoples of the world stand shoulder to shoulder for the defeat of militarism, autocracy and the enslaving of the human race."

TORONTO PAPERS BLAMED BY BRYAN FOR RIOTING

Chicago, March 2.—William Jennings Bryan issued a statement last night explaining the incident at Toronto, Canada, where he was jeered while speaking at a prohibition mass meeting and declared that an organized effort to make him unpopular in Toronto had been carried on previous to his arrival. One paper carried an editorial which, he said, "was an incitement to riot."

"There were editorials in some newspapers declaring that the persons responsible for bringing me to Toronto should be summarily dealt with," he added, "and these may have had much to do with the attempts to keep me from speaking. The papers which attacked me were the only Toronto papers carrying liquor advertisements."

PURPOSE TO PROTECT MENACED INTEREST

Japan Will Be Asked to Take Necessary Steps for Protection of Allies in Far East.

London, March 2.—According to the Daily Mail, it is understood that the allies have decided to ask the Japanese to take any steps necessary for the protection of the allies in the far east.

Stress is laid on the fact that the British and Japanese governments hold that Japan's intervention in the Russian affairs is not to be construed as an act of hostility to Russia or the Russian government. Its purpose is to safeguard the allied interests and to protect stores and munitions at Vladivostok and to assist Russia to lighten and eventually lift the burden of the German yoke.

LATELY MARRIED MEN GO IN CLASS ONE

(Special to The News.)

Huntsville, Ala., March 2.—The district board of exemption of the northern division of the northern district has exempted all married men, who claim exemption if they were married before May 18, 1917. Men who have married since that time will be treated as single men, and will have to answer call to the draft. Etowah and Lauderdale counties have exempted married men, placing no stress upon the time of the marriage, but these cases the government agents will appeal.

SOLD BALANCE OF COTTON CROP FOR \$21,000

(Special to The News.)

Huntsville, Ala., March 2.—J. W. Walling, one of the foremost planters of this section has sold the remainder of his 1917 cotton crop, which brought him \$21,000. This North Alabama farmer has one of the largest corn crops raised in this section, aside from splendid diversified crops.

MARVELOUS WOMAN OF FRANCE, WHO TOILS AND SUFFERS—AND SMILES!

Because of Her the French Held the Germans Back Until England Arrived and Will Hold the Line Until America Arrives.

(By George Randolph Chester and Lili. Copyright, 1918, by the Newspaper Enterprise Association.)

Paris, March 2.—It was the sort of night into which you wouldn't push a hyena! We emerged from the restaurant, but shivered instantly the door revolved us into a sleazy ankle-deep slush. There were vehicles in the street, taxis and cabs; they only did one thing—went by at top speed, casting wide, curving, watery whirrors on each side of them. Not one would stop in response to the most frantic signals, the most commanding or the most beseeching of voices; and the wet, raw wind whistled round and round. The very thought of getting from there to anywhere on foot was enough to congeal the marrow in one's bones!

Out of the dimness came a shuffling something which seemed to have no particular form or shape, but we knew it to be a person because it was coughing violently. It stopped for a moment as it came opposite, and surveyed us inquiringly, then shuffled toward us.

"Un taxi!" inquired the voice which had coughed.

A woman! A saved-off woman, not over five feet tall, a little basket of withered violets on her arm.

The woman only stopped to set down her basket and to give one twist to the knot of hair on the back of her head; then she suspended about two feet above the ground, her short legs sticking out, fore and aft, on almost a perfectly straight line.

Finally she disappeared around the corner, splashing down the middle of the street in mad pursuit of her thirtieth or fortieth possibility.

She Got Her Taxi.

In about two minutes more she came back, riding on the step of the taxi, and her face was fairly luminous with its smile of exultant triumph! A police wife, this woman, with five little children to raise, and one of them, the middle one, Destree, always needing medicine; and everything so high, and the government allowance for police families so small, and so many police wives to divide what work they have the skill and the time to do, and violets so unprofitable in the bad weather, of which there is much in the winter here!

If it please the good God to let Jacques return to his home of course not to the sumptuous three rooms, with gas, which he had so well supported by his earnings as a carpenter, but home, he will find, in the one room, everything of real value which he left behind; happy children and a cheerful wife!

Marie and Therese are more fortunate than Jacques' wife, for they are providing for their families in not so difficult. They secured their husbands' jobs!

But Marie and Therese are thoroughly feminine in their homes, which are neat as a pin, just as they were before the war when these women had nothing to do but keep them so.

What depths of grief there may be in Marie and Therese one can only guess from an occasional tragic inflection, an occasional misery in the eyes; but Marie professes to be very happy, for God has given her the strength to do her husband's rough work, and so to be able to care for her two strong, healthy boys!

Men Must Be Replaced.

Nearly every woman in France has the thought in mind that all those men who are gone must be replaced.

Therese is somewhat wistful at this point, for Therese has only girls; but she brightens when it is suggested to her that France needs a continuation of her courageous women as well as of her gallant men.

The war broke out.

Her husband was one of the first to fall in defense of her and the other women of his country; and she has no children! She is glad of one thing, however: She has proved to have a particular position for the position she occupies, a position which ordinarily only an energetic young man could fill; and that releases another soldier for France! She smiles beautifully, this woman in the bank.



George Randolph Chester.

We had some official business to transact with another capable woman in one of the government bureaus.

She was a particularly pleasant woman, who put herself out tremendously to make everything convenient for us. No time or trouble was too much, and no matter how often it was necessary to bother her, she met us with a cheerful smile which was almost gayety.

We became quite well acquainted with her. She showed us a picture of her three little children. Beautiful children! She showed us a doll which she was dressing, in her odd moments, for one of them who was to have a birthday. She was especially joyful about a little silk handbag she was knitting for the doll.

Something was said just then concerning the war. We have never seen a more startling change of countenance. A glass dropped over the sparkle of her eyes, and they seemed dumbly staring at some far-off terrible thing; her face paled into gray, her lips became blue and her voice, a voice ordinarily full of vivacity, dropped to that dull, even, colorless monotone in which all French tragedy is expressed.

She spoke rapidly and scarcely above a whisper. Oh the misery, the endless misery, the depthless misery of this dreadful war, which had caused millions of hearts to turn to the ashes of mourning through all life to come!

And it was a blessing of the good God that one might smile with the face, for other, though the heart was dead.

Woman Smiles.

With that came the smile again, for that was her duty in life—to smile for others.

This woman has not one male relative left! She dropped over the sparkle of her eyes, and they seemed dumbly staring at some far-off terrible thing; her face paled into gray, her lips became blue and her voice, a voice ordinarily full of vivacity, dropped to that dull, even, colorless monotone in which all French tragedy is expressed.

One woman we know, whose only business, four years ago, was to be a beautiful rose in the garden of luxury, now devotes her entire time and her entire means to running shops, without profit, where sewing girls are employed.

"Our little friend Jeanette's share is living in the country with her mother. She's a roly-poly little lady we have known for some years, a designer in a millinery shop; and we always considered her a snappily gowned young person."

When we saw her this time she was out in the mode, but there was something wrong with the mode. How Jeanette did laugh as she confessed that she had been made over every season since the war began, until now she couldn't find a place to put a fresh seam; so the war must be ending!

Of course, Jeanette could get work in other shops, or in the stenographic place, or even in the factories where so many of them have gone; but she doesn't feel that she has the right to take away the money from girls who have no mothers in the country.

Living is cheap out there; a cow, a few chickens and a garden do the trick; and every woman who can manage it lives in the country, so that those who can't manage it may have the places in the city; and nearly everybody, like Jeanette, makes over dresses—for France!

She's a very timid little thing, is Jeanette, can't sleep without a light. She showed us a knife, of which she is afraid; it gives her a shudder to touch it!

She tells it very simply indeed; all she says is that the knife never had an opportunity to use it, but the crime, though which accompanies that extremely simple statement is a revelation in diabolic satisfaction.

You see, Jeanette has lost her only brother and two cousins in the war. They are usually very quiet, these French women, and do not wear their emotions on their sleeves, but when she says that if Paris were menaced she would go out on the front line with that knife, and account to no one, least one boche, you do not need to look at her attractive face to know that she means it. All you need is the appalling monotony of her voice! Sometimes it takes more courage to smile than to suffer.

Glorify Her Courage.
Small wonder that all who are privileged to know her should glorify the courage and the sweetness of the marvelous woman of France.

Because of her, France held back the Germans until England arrived; because of her, France will hold the French share of the line until America arrives; because of her, the beautiful tricolor will again fly over every foot of soil which is rightfully French!

If Germany were to succeed in the unbelievably arrogant dream which is now known to the world; if she were to sweep like a devastating blight through France and come to England, and desolate the seas with her submarines, and land a mighty invading force on American soil; if she were to flaunt her desecrated emblem above the cities and villages of the Atlantic states, and destroy or hide from sight every American flag, and compel salute and obedience to the red, white and black of the Hohenzollern piracy; if then, after the sacrifice of the lives of countless millions of our bravest and best, we were to sweep her back into the sea, then, then the mere sight of the Star-Spangled Banner would bring a new thrill to the heart and a throb to the throat, and the strength to bear whatever sacrifice might be needed to keep waving against the sky that glorious flag which has never been lowered to a foe since its stars and stripes were first flung to the breeze!

That is what the red, white and blue does here; that is why patriotism among the women of France is a living passion.

GERMAN INVASION IN RUSSIA RECEIVED

Bolshevik Delegates Ask for Special Guard as Protection on Return From Peace Conference.

London, March 2.—A message received by the bolshevik government in Petrograd from Brest-Litovsk, dated Friday, ordering a train under military guard to meet the Russian delegates at Torshach, was considered by the government as probably signifying that the peace negotiations have been broken off, according to a wireless communication received here from Petrograd tonight.

The wireless communication follows:

"To All the Councils:

"The following message was received Friday from Brest-Litovsk: 'To the council of commissaries, Petrograd: Send us a train to Torshach, near Pskov, escorted by sufficiently large forces. Communicate with Krylenko concerning the body-guard.'"

(Signed) "KARAHAN."

"This message most probably signifies that the peace negotiations have been broken off by the Germans. We must be ready for an immediate German advance on Petrograd and on all fronts. It is necessary that all the people arise and strengthen the measures for defense."

(Signed) "LENINE."

RULES LIMIT PROFITS IN POULTRY AND EGGS

Designed to Reduce Transactions and Allow Legitimate Competition.

Washington, March 2.—Rules limiting the trade profits in and regulating the distribution of frozen poultry and cold storage eggs were issued tonight by the food administration. They become effective tomorrow, and, it was announced, have the general approval of the trades.

The rules, said a food administration statement, are designed to reduce the number of transactions, to the economic minimum and are expected to stabilize the industries, place transactions on a just merchandising basis, allow legitimate competition, but restrict opportunities for speculation, aid in securing prompt, regular and efficient distribution, eliminate unnecessary trading and otherwise discourage practices that have been reflected in abnormally high prices to consumers.

"The limits of maximum price advances allowed," the statement continued, "have been placed at points that will maintain all necessary distributing agencies and warrant payment to producers of satisfactory prices. The rules do not apply to any trading in poultry not at some time in a cold storage warehouse or to trading in fresh eggs. They do not, in themselves, place any restrictions upon the prices to be paid for poultry or eggs intended for storage. They merely limit the profit that can be made on any transaction after the first purchase until the poultry or eggs are in the retailer's hands."

TEXAS LOWER HOUSE PASSES LOYALTY BILL

Any Disloyal Act or Remark During War to be Punished as Felony.

Austin, Tex., March 2.—The Texas house of representatives Friday passed the "loyalty bill," making any disloyal act or remark, while the United States is at war, a felony punishable by from two to five years in the penitentiary. The bill now goes to the senate.

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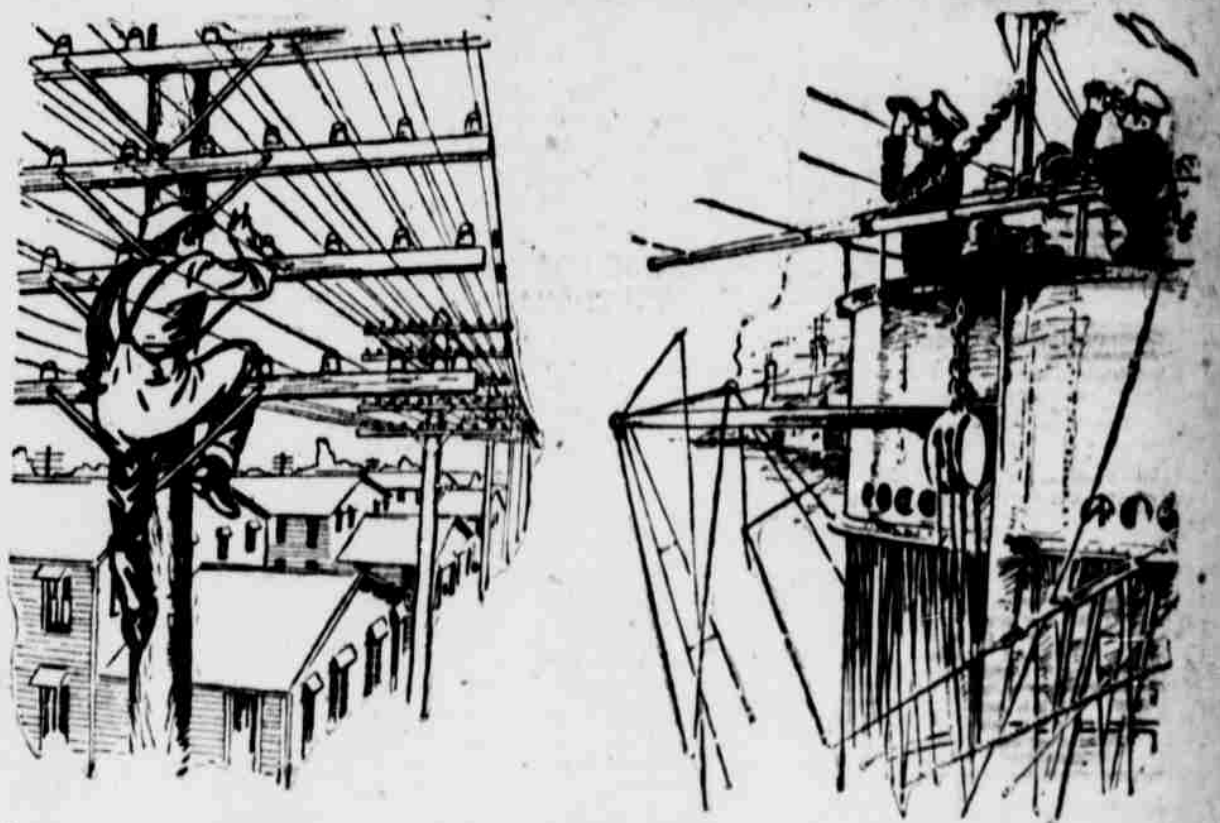
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